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## **DROSERA ANGLICA**

### **ENGLISH SUNDEW**

English Sundew is a perennial with a cluster of basal leaves and unbranched, leafless stems that are 6-18 cm high, arising from a simple rootcrown. The leaves have stalks that are 2-8 cm long; leaves have narrowly oblong blades that are 1-3 cm long and 3-5 mm wide and covered on the upper surfaces with reddish, stalked glands that trap insects. 2-7 short-stalked flowers are borne on one side of the top of the stem. Each flower has a 5-lobed calyx that is 5-6 mm long and 5 separate, oblong, white petals that are longer than the calyx. There are 5 stamens and 4-5 styles, that are divided more than half their length. The fruit is a many-seeded capsule, and seeds are at least 1 mm long and taper to a point. Flowering late June-July, fruiting July-August.

The leaf blades of *DROSERA ROTUNDIFOLIA* are about as long as they are wide. *D. LINEARIS* has usually narrower leaf blades, and the seeds are less than 1 mm long. A hand lens or microscope may be needed for positive identification.